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PART II - MISCELLANEOUS NOTIFICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

**COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
GUNTUR.**

Rc.No. 419/2022/C4

Dated: 06-05-2023

CASTE STATUS VERIFICATION - GUNTUR DISTRICT - CHEBROLU MANDAL -
VADLAMUDI VILLAGE - ENQUIRY AND VERIFICATION OF CASTE STATUS OF THE
PEOPLE WITH NICKNAME "PEDDINTI GOLLA" - DLSC RECOMMENDATIONS
SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR- CONSIDERED.

- Ref: 1. Representation dt. 12.10.2022 received from Sri M.Venkateswarlu,
Advocate, Guntur.
2. Instructions issued by the Hon'ble Chairman A.P. State Commission for
STs during the review meeting held 09.11.2022.
3. 2/SA1/Admin/Grievance/2022, dt.31.10.2022 of the Secretary, Commission
for Scheduled Tribes.
4. Lr.No. 1982/SA1/Admin/Grievance/2022, dt. 10.11.2022 of the Secretary,
AP State Commission for Scheduled Tribes.
5. Representation dt.05.12.2022 of Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Advocate, Guntur.
6. Rc.No. 1730/2022-G, dt.23.12.2022 of the Sub Collector, Tenali.
7. Findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee dt.24.03.2023.
8. Notice dt. 02.04.2023, 13.04.2023 and dt.20.04.2023 issued to the
complainants.

ORDER:-

Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Advocate stated that FIR No.325/2022 was registered in Chebrole Police Station on 09-10-2022 and which explains that a group of children (male) went to water main canal near village outskirts of Vadlamudi, and later on two of them (male children) not came out and appeared to be missed at the location. Subsequent to the incident occurred, the parents and relatives of the deceased persons have attacked on the families of Devarakonda Venkata Tarun who is one among them group went to the Canal and thrashed with the sticks and rods and destroyed and burnt the motor cycles of Devarakonda Venkata Tarun which were kept in front of the house.

The petitioner further stated that as per the information from the complainant who belongs to ST Yerukala Sub Caste, Whereas accused belong to Peddinti Gollas(BC-D) and further came to know that the elders of the Peddinti Gollas of Vadlamudi Village claiming that they belong to Yerukula caste by producing fake Yerukala caste certificates issued by the Tahsildar, Chebrole Mandal. But the surnames of Pala and Ganta belong to Peddinti Gollas. The petitioner requested to cause detailed enquiry into the matter and take necessary action.

The Hon'ble Chairman, A.P. State Commission for STs also forwarded a letter dt.31.10.2022 duly enclosing the complaint petition filed by Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Advocate with the same contentions.

The Hon'ble Chairman A.P. State Commission for STs during the review meeting held 09.11.2022 with District Officers at Collector's Office, Guntur observed that some persons belonging to non ST are getting ST certificates and one such instance has come to his notice, wherein Sri Krishna Kanth, Tahsildar, Chebrole had issued Yerukala-ST caste certificate to the persons belonging to Peddinti Golla (BC-D) on 03.08.2019 and the commission is very serious on the matter and stern action to be initiated against the officials responsible for issue of false certificates, therefore directed to cause detailed enquiry into the matter and submit action taken report to the A.P. State Commission for STs within 30 days. The Commission directed the following actions on the issue;

1. To cancel the false certificates.
2. To initiate appropriate proceedings against the officials responsible for issue of false caste certificate.

The Hon'ble Chairman, A.P. State Commission for STs also forwarded a letter dt.10.11.2022 duly enclosing the complaint petition filed by Sri Devarakonda Subbarao with the same contentions.

The Collector & District Magistrate has instructed on 15.11.2022, to refer the matter to the District Level Scrutiny Committee. Accordingly the matter was referred to the DLSC.

Notice dt.23.11.2022 was issued to the individuals to attend before the DLSC on 03.12.22. The following individuals attended before the DLSC for enquiry.

1.P. Sivaramakrishna

2.P. Anil

3.B.Venkata Ramana

4. Pala Sumathi

5. Pala Mallikarjun

Sri Devarakonda Subba Rao S/o Samuel, the complainant, belonging to Yerukula (ST) aged 38 years, resident of Vadlamudi Village of Chebrolu Mandal stated as follows:

He stated that he is native of Vadlamudi Village of Chebrolu Mandal for more than 100 years, since the time of his great Grand Fathers, they are pursuing pig rearing, basket weaving and cooli to earn livelihood. On 08.10.2022 he received a phone call from his nephew informing that two children washed away in Kommamuru Canal as his son is also there, then he went to Kommamuru Canal and learnt that two children were washed away in the canal but the details not told by anybody present there. Then he went to his house and enquired about his son. Then he along with his wife again went to Kommamuru Canal then he received a phone call that his son returned home, but two police constables took his son to Kommamuru Canal and from there to police station. His nephew Palaparthi Venkateswarlu aged 30 yrs, went to Kommamuru canal; there one person by name Pala Sivaramakrishna alias Sivaiah scolded his nephew and alleged that his relative washed away in the canal because of the nephew of Palaparthi Venkateswarlu and tried to assault Palaparthi Venkateswarlu, then he fled from the scene. Then Palaparthi Venkateswarlu came to him crying. At that time six persons came to his house and attacked him and his wife and shouted that they would kill his son and beat the men and women present in the house indiscriminately. Then he escaped from the scene. The six persons chased his nephew Palaparthi Venkateswarlu and ruined the house hold articles and threatened the inmates, they caused injuries to his elder sister and his father and set two bikes parked in front of his house on fire along with dining table, four chairs, TV, almirah. His elder sister Palaparthi Kotamma who sustained injuries was taken to Hospital. Then he filed a police complaint and he requested to take action on the persons responsible for the attack as per law.

The respondents stated that they are residents of Vadlamudi village, belong to Yerukula (ST) caste, they eke out livelihood by rearing pigs and goats. Their villagers call them as Peddinti Gollalu. In fact they belong to ST. There is criminal history to their caste people from the time of their great grand fathers. Hence the police called them as Peddinti Gollalu. They had marital

relations with Yerukala (ST) families residing at Chirala, Stuvartpuram and other places with surnames “katta”, “Devarakonda”, “Garika”, etc.,. Their families are associated with the family name “Kavadi”, “Menapati”, “Menarugutti”, “saatubadi”.

The teenage children of their families are moving friendly with Devarakonda Tarun S/o Subba Rao, the said Devarakonda Tarun S/o Subba Rao is in the habit of taking the teenage children of their families for cricket sport and also for swimming in Kommamuru canal. Therefore they told the parents of Devarakonda Tarun to warn their son not to take the teenage boys of the respondent families for swimming in the canal for the fear that the children will be drowned in the canal as their children not able to swim. But on 08.10.2022, Devarakonda Tarun took Bandi Umamaheswara Rao S/o Narayana aged 17 years and Mekala Satwik S/o Ajay aged 15 years for swimming in Kommamuru canal. Later in the evening they came to know that the two boys were drowned and washed away in the canal and they informed to the police there, the police called for NDRF search team to trace the dead bodies of Bandi Umamaheswara Rao S/o Narayana aged 17 years and Mekala Satwik S/o Ajay aged 15 years from the canal. As they were in grief having lost two teenage boys they questioned Devarakonda Subba Rao and their family members on the incident. On the day of burial of the dead of the two children, there taken place a clash between the family members of Devarakonda Subba Rao and the respondents. Due to that clash Devarakonda Subba Rao filed a police complaint against the respondents under the provisions of SC,ST (POA) ACT.

Further Pala Sivaramakrishna S/o Kantha Rao aged 36 years and pala Sumathi W/o Kantharao aged 50 given a statement that they belong to Yerukala (ST) caste since the time of their grand parents and they are eking out livelihood by rearing goats and pigs. Their caste people are called as Peddinti Gollalu in their village due to criminal history from the time of their grant parents. They stated that their caste people obtained Yerukala(ST) caste certificates from different places. The Tahsildar, Chirala, Tenali, Akiveedu, Done and the Tahsildar, Malkajgiri issued Yerukala (ST) caste certificates to their blood relatives. They stated that they had marital relations with the families of “Palaparthi”, “Katta”, “Devarakonda”, “Garika” staying at Chirala, Stuvartpuram and other places and their families belongs to “Kavadi”, “Menapati”, “Menarugutti”, “Satubadi” which are common in Yerukala (ST) families.

Sri M. Venkateswarlu, Advocate filed another representation stating that some villagers of Vadlamudi of Chebrolu Mandal belonging to Backward Class called as Peddinti Gollalu obtained the Caste Certificate as belonging to Yerukala (ST). Thereby deprived the opportunities of real ST people in getting employment and other benefits. He requested to conduct enquiry in to the methodology, financial character, language, dressing, Food and Drinking habits, economic, social conditions, life style, birth cycle, naming ceremony, tonsure, liberty, marriage,

death, political organisation, religion, origin of people, the occupation and village profile in respect of Peddinti Gollalu caste people.

He further stated that the people known as Peddinti Gollalu resided at Vadlamudi Village of Chebrolu Mandal are notorious criminals and there are Non Bailable Warrants issued against them. There were criminal sheets and rowdy sheets opened against them. Some of these people resided at Stuvatapuram Mandal also. Police Officers concerned at Guntur and Narasarpeta have conducted enquiry into the criminal history of these families. Therefore, he requested the authorities to refer to the said police records to know the facts relating to the families of Peddinti Gollalu.

Finally, he requested to take action u/s.4 of SC ST (POA) Act, 2015 on the District Tribal Welfare Officer who is supporting the Peddinti Gollalu families.

The Sub Collector, Tenali Submitted a report stating that Tahsildar, Chebrolu submitted an enquiry report stating that the residents of Vadlamudi Village said to be called as Peddinti Golla people were enquired and recorded their statements. The enquiry reveals that,

1. These people originally belong to Yerukala ST Caste, but they used to be called as Peddinti Golla in the village, the people of same Caste and with same sur names have been issued Yerukala (ST) caste certificate, all over the State of Andhra Pradesh even before bifurcation of the combined State. The Sub Collector, Tenali submitted copies of caste certificates previously issued by the Tahsildars of different Mandals and Districts and their particulars as below.

Sl.No	Name	Caste	Issued by	Mandal	District	Date of issue
1	Pala Raviteja	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Malkajgiri	Malkajgiri	Rangareddy	13.04.2015
2	Pala Raviteja	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chirala	Chirala	Prakasam	26.06.1995
3	Pala Pradeep Kumar	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Akiveedu	Akiveedu	West Godavari	01.10.2019
4	Pala Kiran Kumar	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	25.06.2019
5	Pala Lakshmi Narayana	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	25.06.2019

6	Pala Srinu	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	15.02.2019
7	Pala Durga	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	20.04.2019
8	Pala Vasu	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	29.06.2019
9	Pala Siva Kumar	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	15.02.2019
10	Pala Kantharao	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	15.02.2019
11	Pala Sumathi	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	21.10.2019
12	Pala Durga Rao	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	01.12.2018
13	Pala Ganesh	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	15.03.2017
14	Pala Mahesh	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Chebrole	Chebrole	Guntur	13.03.2017
15	Bandi Mojesh	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Tenali	Tenali	Guntur	08.08.2016
16	Yerukala Radha	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Dhone	Dhone	Nandyal	25.08.2022
17	Yerukala Rajeswari	Yerukula	Tahsildar, Dhone	Dhone	Kurnool	22.10.2016

2. The Tahsildar, Chebrole further reported that, the Peddinti Golla is mentioned neither in ST List nor in BC List and these people have been issued Yerukula(ST) Caste certificate, since long period i.e. 1995 onwards. Based on the old caste certificates, recent caste certificates have been issued.
3. Statements have been recorded by Tahsildar Chebrole from the following residents of Vadlamudi Village of same caste and sur names.

- 1) Pala Siavaiah S/o Kantharao
- 2) Pala Sumathi W/o Kantharao
- 3) Pala Anil s/o Siva Naga

- 4) Mekala Ajay S/o Rangaiah
- 5) Bandi Venkata Ramana W/o Vamsi
- 6) Pala china W/o Siva Kumar

Above people stated in their statements that they originally belong to Yerukula Caste (ST), but in the village they are being called by nick name as “Peddinti Golla”. Their customs, profession and martial relations are within the Yerukula caste only and their relatives are staying in Chirala, Tenali and Stuvartpuram etc. and they are getting Yerukula caste (ST) Certificates.

The Sub Collector, Tenali finally reported that as per the report submitted by the Tahsildar Chebrole and available evidences, these people belong to Yerukula (ST) caste and there is no Peddinti Golla caste as such mentioned in the caste list of BC and ST.

Again Notice dt.18.1.23 was issued to the individuals to attend before the DLSC on 28.1.2023, the complainant Sri Devarakonda Subbarao was present and stated that he belongs to Yerukula (ST) and his family has been residing in the village since the time of their forefathers. He stated that he is an employee in Lara Engineering college of Vadlamudi. He reiterated his version as stated by him on 03.12.2022 before the DLSC and finally claimed that the families with surname ‘Pala’ and ‘Ganta’ do not belong to Yerukula (ST) as claimed by them and they cannot speak “Yerukula” slang and caste status will not change by marriage.

The respondents Sri Pala Sivaramakrishna, Sri Pala Mallikarjunarao, Sri Pala Anil, Smt. Pala Sumathi and Smt. Bandi Venkata Ramandwere present and they claimed that they have been residing at Vadlamudi village since the time of their ancestors and they belong to Yerukula (ST). The families called by nick name పాముల, మరాటి, పెద్దంటి గొల్ల, చిక్కోలు. They stated that they are pursuing the family occupation of making baskets and rearing pigs and goats and at present some of their families are eking out their livelihood by agriculture labour etc. and other general occupations. They stated that their families belong to “Kavadi”, “Menapati”, “Menarugutti” and “saatubadi” gotrams and they have marital relationship with Yerukula (ST) caste families residing at Chirala and other places, Done (Krishna District), Rjahmundry, Akiveedu, Bikkavolu and Peddapuram.

The District Level Scrutiny Committee after due examination of the enquiry report of the Sub Collector, Tenali and after hearing the complainant and the respondents came to the following conclusion:

1. Dwelling, Livelihood activities, customs, ancestral history and marital relations clearly shows that the respondents belong to “Yerukula – ST”.
2. As complained by the petitioner, the caste “Peddinti Golla” is not notified under BC category.

Accordingly, the DLSC opined that the respondents with nick name “Peddinti Golla” belong to “Yerukula –ST”.

Agreeing with the recommendations of the DLSC, a notice dt.02.04.2023,13.04.2023 and 20.04.2023 was issued to the complainants to attend before the Collector and file objections if any on the recommendations of the DLSC.

Despite issue of 3 Notices the individuals have not attended for personal hearing. It is therefore construed that the individuals have no objections to the recommendations made by the DLSC. –

In view of the above, I, M.Venu Gopal Reddy, I.A.S., the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur in exercise of the powers conferred U/s.5(1) of the A.P.(S.C., S.T., & B.C.) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificate Act 16 of 1993, read with rule 9(7) of A.P.(S.C., S.T. & B.C.) Issue of Community, Nativity & Date of Birth Certificate Rules 1977, communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Dept., dt.12.5.1997 and G.O.Ms.No.371, dt.13.4.1996, hereby confirm that the following respondents known with nick name “Peddinti Golla” belong to “Yerukula –ST” caste.

- 1) Pala Siavaiah S/o Kantharao
- 2) Pala Sumathi W/o Kantharao
- 3) Pala Anil s/o Siva Naga
- 4) Mekala Ajay S/o Rangaiah
- 5) Bandi Venkata Ramana W/o Vamsi
- 6) Pala china W/o Siva Kumar

A notification to this effect shall be published in the A.P.State Gazette.

An appeal against this order lies to the Government within 30 days from the date of publication of this order in the AP State Gazette.

M. VENU GOPAL REDDY,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Guntur.

NOTIFICATION

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred under section 5 (1) of the A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of community certificates Act 16 of 1993 r/w Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 9 of A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, Dt: 12-5-1997, I, M.Venu Gopal Reddy, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby confirm that the following respondents known with nick name “Peddinti Golla” belong to “Yerukula –ST” caste.

- 1) Pala Siavaiah S/o Kantharao
- 2) Pala Sumathi W/o Kantharao
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